













NATIVE PLANTS OF THE UAE

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<p><i>Cornulaca monacantha</i> – <i>In Arabic it is known as had and djouri</i> is a straggling, branched, woody shrub growing to a height of 60 centimeters (24 in). It is a desert plant found in the Middle East and the Sahara</p>	
<p><i>Desert hyacinth (Cistanche tubulosa)</i> – Branchless parasite fleshy herb, up to 1m high with erect whitish single stem, simple and up to 4cm thick, stem arise from tuber. Common in coastal areas of the Arabian Gulf coast and on inland saline sand plains.</p>	
<p><i>Arta (Calligonum comosum)</i> – Virtually leafless perennial shrub up to 2.5m tall, stem much branched from thick woody rootstock. Commonly found in sand plains, dunes and roadsides.</p>	
<p><i>Date Palm - Nakhl, Nakheel, Nakhla</i> The tree grows up to 30m tall with a very slender trunk, covered with the remains of sheaths from fallen leaves. Cultivated throughout UAE at all elevations; tolerant to moderate salinity.</p>	





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<p><i>Arfaj (Rhanterium epapposum)</i> – Once a common dwarf shrub in many north-eastern parts of UAE, overgrazing has led to the disappearance of the species in many locations.-</p>	
<p><i>Ausaj (Lycium shawii)</i> – Desert plant, common in the UAE in variety of habitats: gravel plains, hillsides, wadis and plantation.</p>	
<p><i>Safrawi (Dipterygium glaucum)</i> - Perennial shrub but often flowering and fruiting in the first year. Very common in the UAE, along the Arabian gulf coast, often very close to beach lines, also on saline sand inland, except for the southern part of Abu Dhabi emirate.</p>	
<p><i>Shuntop (Pentatropis nivalis)</i> – Perennial vine, twining branches, climber, stems with rough bark; up to 400cm. Commonly found in Sand and gravel habitats, in plantation and low mountains.</p>	

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<p><i>Oryx leucoryx</i> (<i>Al maha, al baqr, al barra</i>) – The Arabian Oryx is uniform white, while the flank stripe is absent or only an indistinct smudge. Arabian Oryx once occurred over all or most of the plains and deserts of the Arabian Peninsula.</p>	 A photograph of an Arabian Oryx standing in a desert landscape. The animal is white with long, spiraling horns and is facing right. The background shows a clear blue sky and a sandy dune.
<p><i>Arabian Red Fox</i> (<i>Al taleb al ahmer</i>)- Is similar in color to the common Red Fox. However, it is more adapted to desert life than its parent species and is a brownish pale red color. Found throughout the UAE and can adapt to all habitats, from desert to mountains, as well as the urban environment.</p>	 A photograph of an Arabian Red Fox standing in a desert environment. The fox is a light brownish-red color with a long tail and is facing left. The ground is sandy and rocky.
<p><i>Caracal</i> (<i>Al hamra, Al washaq</i>) – The caracal is widely distributed through the region. It is typically associated with either well-vegetated or rocky areas but also occurs in dry steppes and semi-deserts, absent only from true desert.</p>	 A photograph of a Caracal lying down. The animal has a reddish-brown coat and distinctive black-tipped ears. It is looking towards the camera.
<p><i>Sindh Saw-scaled Viper</i> (<i>Echis carinatus sochureki</i>) – Saw-scaled vipers reach a maximum length of around 70 cm, but are more commonly around 35-45 cm in total length. They are most commonly found in vegetated sandy desert, gravel plain and arid grassland.</p>	 A photograph of a Sindh Saw-scaled Viper coiled on the ground. The snake has a patterned, brown and tan body and is facing right.

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<p><i>Leptien Spiny tailed Lizard (Dhub)</i> – Found only in the UAE and Oman, they live in loose colonies on hard substrates such as gravel plains into which they can dig their deep burrows.</p>	
<p><i>Zig Zag Ord Spider (Argiope sp.)</i> – Body is large, generally with black and yellow upper parts and a very pale dorsal side. Found throughout the reserve, mainly on rocky outcrops</p>	
<p><i>Brandts Hedgehogs (Al qunfuz)</i> – Found along the East of the Arabian Peninsula, in the UAE and Oman, preferring mountain oasis and wadi systems with plenty of vegetation, but does come down to the sandy desert plains.</p>	
<p><i>Arabian Hare (Al arnab)</i> – is much smaller than the hares in Europe and Africa. Color may vary from brown to grayish with white undersides. Widespread across the UAE, mainly in open sand and gravel plains in areas with vegetation.</p>	

ENDANGERED ANIMAL OF THE UAE

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<p><i>Socotra Cormorant</i> - is a birds that are restricted to only breeding on islands in the Arabian Gulf and the coast of the Arabian Sea. In 2012 only 12,000 breeding pairs found throughout UAE.</p>	
<p><i>The Hawksbill Turtle</i> – is estimated to have declined in population globally by around 80 percent in the past century. One of the major causes for this has been through hunting for its shell. Population is estimated 8000 adult female around the world.</p>	
<p><i>Sand Cat</i> – The smallest cat in the Arabian deserts, this animal's numbers have declined rapidly in recent years due to destruction of its natural habitat and hunting by farmers. One of the largest colonies of the cats living in captivity is at Al Ain Zoo, with 32 animals.</p>	
<p><i>Arabian Leopard</i> – Likely to see an Arabian leopard in the emirate of Abu Dhabi, they're the smallest breed of leopard, official estimates have put mature adult leopard numbers at no more than 250 animal.</p>	

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Arabian Tahr –

The Arabian tahr is the smallest species of tahr. The animal is of stocky build with backward-arching horns in both sexes. lives on steep rocky slopes of Hajar mountain of the United Arab Emirates and Oman at altitudes of up to 1,800 meters above sea level. Population of estimated 2500 animals remaining in the world.

PICTURE



Houbara Bustard –

The funky looking houbara bustard is an unfortunate creature. Its lanky shape and plump body has made it traditional prey of falconers and their falcons, hunting it to dangerously low levels. Population of 500 birds remaining around the world.



PROHIBITED GOODS IN THE UAE

DESCRIPTION/ PRODUCT TITLE	PROHIBITING AUTHORITY
All types of narcotics	Ministry of Interior
Decision by Israel Boycott Office prohibiting goods from Israel (bearing Israeli marks or logos)	Ministry of Economy
Counterfeit and fake currencies	Central Bank
Authentic publication, oil painting, photograph, pictures, cards, books, magazines & stony sculptures, which contradict Islamic teachings, decencies or deliberately implying immorality or turmoil	National Information Council
Crude Ivory (elephant ivory) and Rhinoceros's horn.	Ministry of Environment and Water

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DESCRIPTION/ PRODUCT TITLE	PROHIBITING AUTHORITY
3 layers nylon fishing nets	Ministry of Environment and Water
Gambling tools & machine	Ministry of Interior
Falcons shall be prohibited from September to March of each year except for the following: 1. Falcons with permits under CITES Convention. 2. Falcons bearing passports. 3. Sick falcons arriving for treatment after obtaining permits from the Environment Research Authority	(Decision From Highness President)
Electronic cigarette	General Secretariat Of Municipalities
Bustard	Ministry of Environment and Water
Dangerous Waste	Federal Environment Authority
Used Tires	Emirates Authority for standardization & Metrology

RESTRICTED GOODS IN THE UAE

DESCRIPTION/ PRODUCT TITLE	PROHIBITING AUTHORITY
Live animals & birds , Live Horse, Live Fish	Ministry of Environment and Water
All kind of weapons and ammunitions , Alcohol drinks	Ministry of Interior
Medicines & medical equipments	Ministry of Health
Organic and chemical fertilizers , chemicals & radioactive substances , Fungicides , Agricultural seedlings , seeds	Ministry of Environment and Water
New Tires	Emirates Authority for standardization & Metrology
Communication system	Telecommunications Regulatory Authority
Veterinary vaccines and serums Human blood; animal blood attired for therapeutic, preventive or diagnostic uses; antis era & other blood component & modified immunological products, whether or not obtained by means of biotechnological processes; vaccines, toxins, poison of micro-organisms (excluding yeasts) & similar products	Ministry of Environment and water & Ministry of Health

PROTECTED AREA IN UAE

Mangrove National Park:

The Mangrove National Park is located near the Anantara Hotel, just outside central Abu Dhabi on Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Street.



RAS AL KHOR WILDLIFE SANCTUARY:

The Ras Al Khor Wildlife Sanctuary, is located around the 8-mile Dubai Creek watercourse. Home to approximately 270 species of fauna and 47 species of flora, the place has noticed a great deal of change. The sanctuary was founded in 1985 and the **Flamingos** added charm and grew in number ever since.



MUSHRIF NATIONAL PARK:

Dubai area:

Mushrif National Park is a large protected park with indigenous Ghaf woodland. It is an under-watched site.



AL AHMADIA SCHOOL:

Nearby Al Ras Metro Station.Deira -Dubai



HERITAGE & CULTURE:

Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque Center-Abu Dhabi

The Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque Center (SZGMC) was established by decree number 18 year 2008 issued by HH Sheikh Mansoor Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister of UAE, Minister of Presidential Affairs, in 2008 and it's amendment number 7 year 2012. According to the decree, the SZGMC aims to: Emphasize on the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan's noble deeds and contributions to humanity, in a way that commemorates his legacy and memory.



HERITAGE VILLAGE-DUBAI

The Heritage Village was built in 1997, at the Al Shindagha historic neighborhood. The reason behind establishing it was to display the traditional life style in the emirate of Dubai, as well as a form of an introduction to the traditional customs, traditions, professions and local craftsmanship.



ABU DHABI FALCON HOSPITAL

The Abu Dhabi Falcon Hospital (ADFH) is the first public institution in the United Arab Emirates providing comprehensive veterinary health care services exclusively for falcons.



BATEEN SHIPYARD-ABU DHABI

Bateen Shipyard in Abu Dhabi is located near to the Intercontinental Hotel in Abu Dhabi on the west coast of Al Bateen Island in Abu Dhabi. It provides an insight on the ancient art of boat making.

